

Amendment No. 1 to SB1584

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**AMEND Senate Bill No. 1584\***

**House Bill No. 1983**

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943(a), is amended by deleting the subsection and substituting instead the following:

As used in this section, an "eligible postsecondary program" means a postsecondary program that has received the Comprehensive Transition and Postsecondary Program designation from the United States department of education and is offered by an eligible postsecondary institution that assists students with intellectual disabilities, as defined in § 33-1-101, who have completed high school, but who need a strong system of education supports and services to access and obtain postsecondary education. To be an eligible postsecondary program, a program shall consist of an individualized program of study of up to four (4) years designed to provide meaningful postsecondary activities, including academic, career development and exploration, and independent living skills, on the postsecondary campus.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943(b), is amended by deleting in subdivision (3) the language "high school diploma or certificate" and substituting the language "high school diploma, occupational diploma, or certificate".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (1)(B) and substituting instead the following:

The period required to complete the eligible postsecondary program, as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution, has elapsed.

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SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943(d), is amended by deleting subdivision (2)(B) and substituting instead the following:

The sum of the number of years that the student attended the eligible postsecondary program prior to the leave of absence and the number of years of attendance after the leave of absence equals the number of years required to complete the eligible postsecondary program in which the student is enrolled, as determined by the eligible postsecondary institution.

SECTION 5. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 49-4-943, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

Notwithstanding subsection (d), if a student completes an eligible postsecondary program that requires less than four (4) academic years to complete, the student may transfer to another eligible postsecondary program that provides a longer program and continue to receive the Tennessee STEP UP scholarship; provided, that the student meets the requirements of subdivision (c)(1) at the time of transfer.

SECTION 6.

(a) Any student who is currently enrolled in an eligible program under § 49-4-943 that expands or has expanded from a two-year to a three- or four-year program shall continue to be eligible for the Tennessee STEP UP scholarship in the third or fourth year of the program, as applicable; provided, that the student continues to meet the requirements of § 49-4-943(b)(1) and (2) and the academic requirements of § 49-4-943(c)(1).

(b) Any student, who was enrolled in an eligible postsecondary program in the 2014-2015 academic year, is enrolled in a three- or four-year program in the 2015-2016 academic year, and is not receiving the Tennessee STEP UP scholarship because of the limitations imposed on the receipt of the scholarship by § 49-4-943(d)(1) as they existed prior to the effective date of this act, may apply for the retroactive award of a Tennessee STEP UP scholarship for any semester of the 2015-2016 academic year in which the student would have qualified for a scholarship under this act, had the provisions of this act been in effect during that academic year. TSAC may award the scholarship retroactively, if the student meets all applicable requirements for the scholarship.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring

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